

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 899

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A RESOLUTION to commend Joshua Evans for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as State Representative.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Joshua Evans of Greenbrier is one such distinguished public servant who served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and decency; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Evans is a 2001 graduate of Greenbrier High School and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communications from Middle Tennessee State University, which he earned in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Representative Evans is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Robertson County, and he served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Evans distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 66<sup>th</sup> House District, who evinced their firm belief in his abilities as a legislator by electing him to serve three terms as their representative, and he performed admirably for them; and

WHEREAS, a member of the 106<sup>th</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies, Joshua Evans is respected by all as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process, Representative Evans rendered sterling service as a member of the House Government Operations Committee, House State Government Committee and Subcommittee, and as a member of the Joint Government Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee and Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, he also served with distinction as an Alderman for the City of Greenbrier from 2004 through 2012; and

WHEREAS, Representative Evans participated in the UT-MTAS Elected Officials Academy, and he is a Henry Toll Fellow of the Council of State Governments; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure in office, Representative Evans was a strong proponent for the preservation and expansion of Second Amendment rights; he is a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, the Tennessee Firearms Association, and Gun Owners of America; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Evans is a member of the Baptist faith, attends Ebenezer Baptist Church in Greenbrier, and is a member of the Robertson County Baptist Association and its Disaster Relief Team; and

WHEREAS, he is a small business owner, as well as a firefighter and first responder for the Greenbrier and the North Robertson Fire Departments. He is also a Haz-Mat technician and a member of his county's Emergency Management Agency's Special Response Team; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Evans is a graduate of Leadership Robertson County, Leadership Middle Tennessee, the Emerging Leaders Program, and the Center for the Advancement of Leadership Skills and is a member and alumnus of the National Security Forum of the Air War College and an alumnus of the American Council of Young Political Leaders; and

WHEREAS, Representative Evans is a proud participant in the Springfield Rotary Club, the GreenRidge Civitan Club, and both the Greenbrier and the Robertson County Historical Societies; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, Joshua Evans worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, proving to be a thoughtful and dedicated leader, Representative Evans is eager to offer himself for public service in a new capacity and is seeking the seat of the 25<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Joshua Evans is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized for his exemplary tenure in this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Joshua Evans for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service to the citizens of the 66<sup>th</sup> House District, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted.